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1. The newly appointed Minister of Mines, General Piotr Jaroszewicz, a Russian, is considered to be the person who organized the present Polish war industry. Now, he has direct control over the country's coal and ore supplies.
2. The following factories are involved in armament production.
  - a. The factories at Starachowice (northwest of Wierzbnik and 40 kilometers south of Radom) manufacture, among others, 122-mm cannons (model 1937) and 152-mm howitzers (model 1943). The number of workers is said to be about 24,000.
  - b. The factory at Stalowa Wola (three kilometers south of Rozwadow and on the Rozwadow-Przeworsk railroad line) manufactures, among others, 107-mm cannons (model 1941) and 152-mm howitzers (model 1937). Workers are said to number 18,000.
  - c. The factory at Blizyn (7 kilometers west of Skarzysko Kamienna, and 40 kilometers southwest of Radom), construction of which was completed in 1954, will, according to an unconfirmed report, manufacture rocket weapons.
  - d. The former locomotive factory at Sanok (50 kilometers southwest of Przemyśl, on the Jaslo-Kroszowice railroad line) is said at present to be manufacturing arms (artillery pieces).
3. Several of the former German factories in Silesia have shifted their production over to arms manufacture. The latter, as well as those listed in paragraph two above, have had Soviet advisers and technicians assigned to them.
4. Poland is still incapable of manufacturing certain optical instruments, such as sights / riktinstrument/ for artillery pieces and heavy infantry weapons. They are imported from the East Zone of Germany, but deliveries are said to be proceeding extremely slowly. A certain shortage of sights probably exists within the army. Severe sentences are handed out if an instrument is damaged or destroyed during training.

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This is said to have led to the soldiers themselves rarely, if ever, getting to handle the instruments.

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1. Comment: [redacted] date of information January 1954, stated that the Stalowa Wola plant had changed over to peace-time production because the weapons produced at the factory were found to be unsatisfactory.

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